

THE VILLAGE LOG

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APPRECIATION PARTY PLANNED

A gala event is being planned for Oct. 26 at the Village, in a homecoming-Halloween-thank you party for everyone who participated in the various activities over the summer.

Linda Lee, in charge of the event, says there will be a fire, weiner roast, food by the Village with a covered dish dessert by guests, music, dancing, and a generally good time. The party will center at the picnic shelter (with its new cement floor). All demonstrators, craftsmen, musicians, volunteer helpers, CETA workers — everybody who worked to help the Village this year is invited.

NEW MEMBERS' NAMES LISTED

Several new members have joined the Village recently: Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Lees of Tipp City, Harold Cramer of Cincl., Cheryl Taylor of Blanchester, Keith Vinson of Lebanon, Angela Frances of Fairborn, Dorthea Kratzer of Midland, and Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kelly of Xenia. The Kelleys are sustaining members. All are invited to participate in the Village meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays at the Village, also in the various functionings of the project.

DULCIMER SOCIETY FORMED

The Village has had a new branch form, which has been named the Caesar's Creek Dulcimer Society. It is centered in the Village and meets the second Saturday of each month at 7 p.m. The object is to foster and present early American folk music and to play it together and in public occasions. The group will concentrate on new members' learning and older ones' playing.

MUZZLELOADERS WORK ON CABIN *2010*

A stalwart and enthusiastic group of people met at the site of the Highway house on a recent weekend. In 90° heat, they sorted out the fire-damaged and deteriorated logs of that building and struggled to put them back in some sense of order.

This cabin is to portray a settler's temporary house till a better one could be built. Different construction techniques were used for these. The cabin is to have a dirt floor, no fireplace or chimney, and doors and windows are to be of primitive construction. It is to show an orientation to the creek rather than the uplands as the rest of the Village does. It is to be true to the year 1783, when it was erected and no other buildings were in existence in the area.

Under guidance of Burnett Butterworth, the building was salvaged and brought to the Village and stored in 1984.

This fall, led by Jeff Richards, the crew set up the foundation, spliced foundations logs, sorted other logs, and set up two to three tiers of logs. Dinner was provided by Village ladies. The cabin is to be used as the muzzleloaders' headquarters, the newest branch of Pioneer Village.

PRESERVATIVE SPRAYED *done 2015*

The Village buildings were recently sprayed with an insect preventative and wood preservative known as Wood Life by two local men who contracted to do the job for \$700.

They devised a spraying rig and soaked all logs of each building, giving the wood an annual protection needed to withstand the weather.

The Village had a supply of the Wood Life. However, this particular product can no longer be purchased due to its creosote content, so a new preservative must be found for next year's spraying.

Maintaining the buildings is one of the project's biggest needs. Insects, woodpeckers and weather cause a lot of damage. Come help on this next spring. We need you!

MALL SHOW SET FOR NOVEMBER

Once again, the Village will participate in the Upper Valley Mall crafts show just west of downtown Springfield.

The Village will set up tables, demonstrate crafts, and sell items from the general store. We will have a constant display of artifacts and information about the Village.

Linda Lee, Village Coordinator, is in charge of setting up the event and scheduling help during the five days' duration the second week in November. If you can help, please call Linda at 897-2672.

FALL SCHOOL DAYS SCHEDULED

The fall section of the school seminars known as School Days is scheduled for October 9, 10, and 11, from 9 a.m. till noon all three days.

Craftsmen will be at various stations around the Village to show and explain to the visitors what they are doing. Each station stop will be for about twenty minutes. At the signal from the school bell, groups will move in a clockwise direction to the next stations.

Linda Lee says soup and sandwiches will be served for the workers in the kitchen at noon, when the workers are able to leave their stations.

FESTIVAL BOOTH VALUABLE

The Village put up and ran a booth at the Clinton County Corn Festival for the three days it ran in Wilmington. The booth was under the grandstand along with others. Due to the hot weather, this location was a relief as it was a bit cooler than some inside locations.

Linda Lee and Frank Crabtree helped set it up, and members helped man it through Sunday afternoon. Our booth was for publicity only prior to fall festival.

FALL FESTIVAL A WINNER

Pioneer Days, the Village fall festival, was an unqualified success according to all the people who came or worked at the event. It perhaps was the second best festival the Village has ever had, considering size, quality of music, food, crafts and weather.

Both days were beautiful late summer, the cane was excellent and made a beautiful syrup, the field work was complete before Saturday, the mill ran well, the kitchen went smoothly, crafts, cider, apple butter, hominy, sassafras tea, rides and the store were all at their best.

The stage was filled with musicians both days with groups on the grounds and the dulcimer club in the Meeting House. Parking volunteers were on the job and clean-up crews collected a mountain of refuse from a polite and spotless crowd who filled the refuse barrels. The campgrounds served ideally.

So many members and helpers worked enthusiastically and tirelessly and selflessly that it would be extremely difficult to isolate individuals. The trustees extend abounding thanks to all.

Thelma Hatfield, treasurer, reported at the following meeting that the general store brought in \$1,446; the gate, \$4,519; the herbs and drinks, \$812; the baked goods table and

drinks, \$1,469; the kitchen, \$3,518; the fried pies at the bake oven, \$211; cider, \$283; apple butter, \$41; various crafts, \$1,746; the toll house donations, \$96; sorghum molasses and heads, \$1,271; hominy, \$27; and the ladies at the Githens house sold some of Samantha's wool and turned in \$9.00.

The final public event of the year, marks the last of five two-day festivals for 1985. The Spring Fair, the Music festival, the Civil War Enactment, the Antique Machinery Show, the Pioneer Days, have marked the most ambitious undertaking the Village has ever attempted. Each has been successful in its own way, and although the weather was at times less than secure, each one came through in the end.

NURSERY DONATES TREES

Trustees voted at the latter September meeting to accept an offer from Grandma's Gardens of six large sugar maple trees, a red bud, and a clump of swamp birch to be planted on the grounds at locations to be determined by Sharon Cunningham. This is much appreciated.

The gift of the trees will need to be planted in November with the donation of a backhoe to dig holes for them.

LARGE KETTLE PURCHASED

The Village, through Al Byrd, has purchased a large kettle of the type used to render lard, from a man in Kentucky.

BLEACHERS-TO BE RESTORED

Bleachers salvaged from a school district north of Dayton by Village member Gary Breeze and other members of the Warren County Antique Machinery Club, have been brought in to be reconditioned. The bleachers are portable and will be of good use during exhibitions at some of the festivals.

LUKENS HOUSE RECORDS SENT

Miriam Lukens reports her work on the historical records of the Lukens house has about been completed and she is now duplicating the material in preparation to sending it to Chuck Parrish in Louisville. The Louisville Corps office will make the application to place the house on the National Registry.

PLANNING MEETING NOV. 3

The Village will hold the annual planning meeting in the Head building at 2 p.m., for trustees and other interested people who wish to have input in the 1986 calendar.

STORE TO BE OPEN WEEKENDS

New hours for the store through October will be Saturdays and Sundays from noon until about five. The store will probably be open weekends in November, weather permitting, and special occasions such as School Days.

IT'S BEEN A GREAT SUMMER -- THANKS!

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